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In re Application of

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For: PESTICIDE SCREENING SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION

: UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 25 June 2001 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

Applicant's statement that the "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3).

A review of the application file reveals that the proper reply under 37 CFR 1.137(b)(1), that is, a declaration executed by the inventor has been filed and the \$130 surcharge for filing the declaration after the thirty month period has been charged to applicant's deposit account per his authorization. The required petition fee of \$1240 has been paid and thus, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied. Therefore, the request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date is **25 June 2001.**

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